

State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION DAY

2010

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, over 116,000 American Indians live in North Carolina, giving the State the largest American Indian population east of the Mississippi and the eighth largest American Indian population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to eight American Indian tribes:

- The Coharie in Harnett and Sampson counties
- The Eastern Band of Cherokee residing on the 56,000-acre Qualla Boundary
- The Haliwa-Saponi in Halifax and Warren counties
- The Lumbee in Robeson, Hoke, Cumberland and Scotland counties
- The Meherrin in Hertford, Bertie, Gates and Northampton counties
- The Occaneechi Band of the Saponi in Alamance and Orange counties
- The Sappony in Person County
- The Waccamaw-Siouans in Columbus and Bladen counties; and

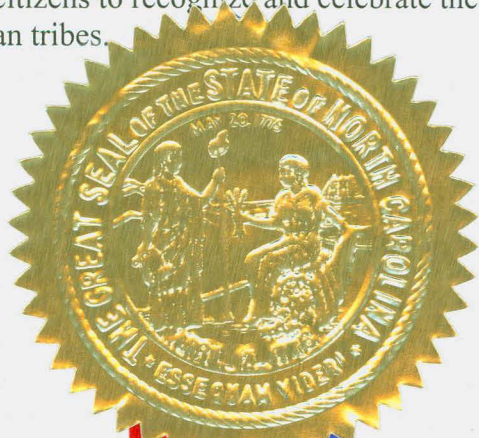
WHEREAS, education has always been and continues to be a cherished tradition among American Indian tribes across North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Indian schools were established in these communities specifically to serve the unique educational needs of American Indian students and function as part of the historic foundation of the tribal community; and

WHEREAS, American Indians in North Carolina have historically engaged in the State's educational systems, driven by their attempts to continually promote cultural awareness, increase economic opportunities, promote self-sufficiency and maintain tribal sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, officials from the U.S. Department of Education will be convening a Tribal Leader Listening and Learning session to gather tribal input on improving academic outcomes for American Indian students in North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 5, 2010, as "**AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION DAY**" in North Carolina, and urge our citizens to recognize and celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by North Carolina Indian tribes.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fourth day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.